GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Health, Medical & Family Welfare Department - Cancellation of the Essentiality Certificates issued to Florence College of Nursing, Sabbavaram, Visakhapatnam and Nightingale College of Nursing, Sabbavaram, Visakhapatnam - Orders - Issued.

HEALTH, MEDICAL & FAMILY WELFARE (C2) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 78 **Dated: 15-07-2025**

Read the following:

1. G. O.Ms. No.135, HM&FW (C2) Department, Dt.19.10.2020.
2. G.O.Ms.No. 191, HM&FW (C2) Department, Dt.21.07.2022.
3. From the Director of Medical Education, through e.file No.2479747, dt.03.12.2024.
4. From the Director of Medical Education, through e.file No. 1982950, dt. 27.02.2025, dt.03.07.2025
5. Lr.No.1473/A6/B.Sc(N)/2020, dated 31.05.2025 of the Registrar, Dr.NTRUHS, Vijayawada.

ORDER:

In the G.O 1st read above, Government had issued Essentiality Certificate to Om Sri Sai Ram Deva Educational Society, Killivaniapalem (V), Sabbavaram(M), Visakhapatnam District for establishment of Nightingale College of Nursing to conduct degree course in B.Sc Nursing (four year duration) with an intake of 50 (fifty) students, having clinical attachment with Q1 Bones & Joint Hospital, Visakhapatnam, Kamala Nursing Home and Mother & Child Hospital, Visakhapatnam subject to the fulfilment of conditions mentioned therein.

2. In the GO 2nd read above, Government had issued Essentiality Certificate to Pradhama Teja Educational Society, Killivanipalem (V), Sabbavaram, Visakhapatnam District for establishment of Florence College of Nursing, D. No.5-160, Sabbavaram, Visakhapatnam to conduct B.Sc Nursing Degree Course (four years duration) with intake (50) seats having clinical attachment with Q1 Bone & Joint Hospital Visakhapatnam (as a parent hospital) & King George Hospital, Visakhapatnam subject to the fulfilment of conditions mentioned therein.

3. In the e-files 3rd & 4th read above, the Director of Medical Education, A.P., Vijayawada has reported that:

i. Om Sri Sai Ram Deva Educational Society in Killivanipalem, Sabbavaram, Visakhapatnam District, established Nightingale College of Nursing. The clinical attachment is with Q1 Bone and Joint Hospital, Visakhapatnam, and Kamala Nursing Home and Mother and Child Hospital, Visakhapatnam.

ii. Pradhama Teja Educational Society, also in the same area, established Florence College of Nursing and Florence School of Nursing. The clinical attachment for Florence College is with Q1 Bone and Joint Hospital, Visakhapatnam, and King George Hospital, Visakhapatnam. The Florence School of Nursing has clinical attachment with Kamala Nursing Home and Mother and Child Hospital, and Q1 Bone and Joint Hospital.

iii. Both societies Om Sri Sai Ram Deva Educational Society and Pradhama Educational Society are under one management.

iv. The common clinical attachment for the three nursing institutions is with Bone and Joint Hospital, Visakhapatnam.

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v. The owner of Q1 Bone and Joint Hospital proposed a new nursing college, planning for clinical attachment with their own hospital. Upon verification, it was found that Q1 Bone and Joint Hospital was already attached to the aforementioned three institutions, leading to concerns about overlapping affiliations

vi. Based on the investigation, the Director of Medical Education issued a show cause notice to the three institutions, questioning why their permission should not be cancelled if the clinical attachment with Q1 Bone and Joint Hospital was withdrawn.

vil. The owner of Q1 Bone and Joint Hospital filed a representation stating that they were unaware of the attachment of their hospital to these institutions, and that no students had attended for clinical experience there.

viii. In response, the Correspondents of the institutions acknowledged the situation, stating they were aware of the withdrawal of the parent hospital's attachment and were searching for alternatives. Additionally, they submitted a formal withdrawal from the MOU.

ix. An inspection by APNMC, Vijayawada, confirmed that students from these institutions had not attended clinicals at Q1 Bone and Joint Hospital, as required.

x. The owner of Q1 Bone and Joint Hospital subsequently accused the documents submitted by the Correspondent as fraudulent.

x. Based on the inspection report and the complaint from Q1 Bone and Joint Hospital, the APNMC issued another show cause notice to the principals of the institutions, asking them to explain why their permissions should not be cancelled. A response was requested by 24.01 2025.

xii. All the institutions involved were approved by the Government, with essentiality certificates issued to commence operations. However, in case of withdrawal of the clinical attachment (parent hospital), permissions granted to the institutions stand cancelled, as per INC guidelines and Government orders.

xiii. Both the owner of Q1 Bone and Joint Hospital and the Correspondent of the institutions jointly submitted letters withdrawing the MOUS.

xiv. The correspondent of Nightingale College, Florence College, and Florence School of Nursing, Visakhapatnam, approached the Hon'ble High Court by filing W.P.Nos.976 and 986 of 2025 to consider his explanation dated 23.12.2024 in response to the show cause notice dated 19.12.2024. The Hon'ble High Court issued directions to the DME/APNMC to consider the explanation submitted by the petitioner on 23.12.2024 in proper perspective and pass appropriate reasoned orders in accordance with the law, as expeditiously as possible, preferably within 3 months. The writ petitions were disposed of.

xv. As per the Indian Nursing Council guidelines and the government orders, in the event of a member of the hospital and who is a member of the Trust withdrawing from the Memorandum of Understanding, the permission accorded to the nursing institutions is liable to be cancelled.

xvi. As per the Indian Nursing Council guidelines, once a hospital has been attached to a nursing institution as the parent hospital, it cannot be a parent or affiliated hospital to another nursing institution.

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xvii. In the instant case, Q1 Bone and Joint Hospital, Visakhapatnam, was attached to the above three nursing institutions, which is against the regulations of the Indian Nursing Council and Government orders.

xviii. Accordingly, the Correspondent of Nightingale College of Nursing, Florence College of Nursing, and Florence School of Nursing, Visakhapatnam, has been informed that as per the Hon'ble High Court Directions, the explanation dated 23.12.2024 is examined in terms of the Indian Nursing Council guidelines and Government orders. The request of the petitioner to change the parent hospital, which was granted by the Government, cannot be altered either by the petitioner or the second or third respondents, as there is no provision for the change or exchange of the parent hospital once it is approved by the Government. There is no other alternative to the petitioner except to cancel the permission accorded to the said nursing institution.

4. The Director of Medical Education, A.P., has further reported that the Registrar AP NMC vide Proceedings No.APNMC/CON/SON/5766, 5822, 5765/2025, dt 31.01.2025 had issued orders cancelling the permissions, recognition and renewal of recognition issued to 3 institutions i.e, 1. Nightingale College of Nursing, Sabbavaram (V) & (M), Visakhapatnam 2. Florence College of Nursing, D.No.5-160, Sabbavaram, Visakhapatnam and 3. Florence School of Nursing, D.No.5-160, Sabbavaram (V) & (M), Visakhapatnam as there is no other alternate to continue the above nursing institutions and all these (03) institutions are running with violation of APNMC & INC norms. The DME has therefore, requested the Govt., to cancel the Essential Certificates issued to the above institutions.

5. In the reference 5th read above, the Registrar, Dr NTRUHS, Vijayawada has informed that they have issued Disaffiliation orders on 20 05 2025 to Nightingale College of Nursing, Visakhapatnam & Florence College of Nursing Visakhapatnam as per provision No.5 of Statues on affiliation of University Act, 1986 with immediate effect since the management of both colleges have completely failed to provide clinical training facilities to their students which impacts the student academics badly and also seems that the said institutions are not adhere to INC/APNMC/ Dr.NTRUHS Guidelines and also the college management has committed some forged signature at the time of MOU with Q1 Bones & Joint Hospital as identified by DME/APNMC. She has also reported that consequent on disaffiliation, the existing students in these two colleges will be accommodated in other colleges as per rules. The Registrar, Dr.NTRUHS has therefore, requested the Govt., to issue orders for cancellation of the Essentiality Certificates issued to Florence College of Nursing and Nightingale College of Nursing.

6. Having regards taken into consideration and keeping in view of the permissions, recognition and renewal of recognition cancelled by the APNMC and Disaffiliation orders issued by the Dr.NTRUHS, Government after careful examination hereby cancel the Essentiality Certificates issued to (i) Om Sri Sai Ram Deva Educational Society, Killivaniapalem (V), Sabbavaram, (M), Visakhapatnam District (Nightingale College of Nursing) in the G.O.1st read above and (ii) Pradhama Teja Educational Society, Killivanipalem (V), Sabbavaram, Visakhapatnam District (Florence College of Nursing) in the G.O.2nd read above, since the management of both colleges committed some forged signature at the time of MOU with Q1 Bone & Joint Hospital as identified by DME/APNMC and violating the conditions/rules/ guidelines stipulated by the Govt./APNMC/INC/Dr.NTRUHS.

7. The Registrar, Dr.NTRUHS is therefore instructed to complete the process of shifting of 2nd year, 3rd year & Final year students to other colleges, immediately, as per rules, to safeguard the student academic career.

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8. The Registrar, Dr.NTR University of Health Sciences, A.P., Vijayawada/ the Director of Medical Education, A.P., Vijayawada and the APNMC, AP, Vijayawada shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

M.T. KRISHNA BABU
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Secretary, Om Sri Sai Ram Deva Educational Society,
Killivanipalem (V), Sabbavaram, (M), Visakhapatnam District
(Nightingale College of Nursing).
The Secretary, Pradhama Teja Educational Society, Killivanipalem (V),
Sabbavaram(M), Visakhapatnam District (Florence College of Nursing).

Copy to:

The Secretary, Indian Nursing Council, New Delhi.
The Registrar, Dr.NTR University of Health Sciences, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Director of Medical Education, AP, Vijayawada.
The Registrar, Andhra Pradesh Nursing and Midwives Council, AP, Vijayawada.
The Chairman, High Power Committee, Vijayawada.
The OSD to Minister (HFW & ME).
The PS to Special Chief Secretary to Government, HM & FW Department.
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